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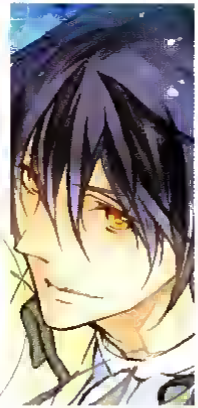

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Chapter 3
Signs of Insurrection

Sha
My body won't move-
FLINCH
I feel as heavy as lead.
...?

What?
GEH
My body's becoming light-
SHA
RAIN?
Who-?

FROM THE SHIKOKU. I'M THE NEXT HEAD OF THE NAKIRI FAMILY TEMPLE, KUSAOI.
I'M A TAIKISHI.
*STEP
NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME IS NAKIRI TAKUMI.
Why is a Taikishi from the Shikoku!
Here-?
He's a Taikishi too-

Throb
Ha-
THAT,S RIGHT, RYOU!
TCH-
NO NEED TO WORRY, HE'S FINE.
THAT YOUKI VANISHED AFTER YOUR ATTACK.
Because I'm useless...
That's twice now-
Ryou...
TO YOU,
HE'S SOMEONE YOU'D RISK YOUR OWN SELF TO PROTECT, HUH?
Thank goodness.

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A JINKISHI,
THAT PROTECTS PEOPLE WITH NO RELATION TO HIM WHILE THERE'S A YOUKI RIGHT! N FRONT OF HIS EYES.
BUT WHY,
DID YOU PROTECT THE OTHER BYSTANDERS AS WELL?
A JINKISHI'S CALLING IS TO HUNT YOUKI.
IF HE'S DISTRACTED BY OTHER THINGS, THE CONSEQUEN-CES WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC.
WHAT'S THIS...
MY BODY MOVED BY ITSELF!
GENERALLY YOU TAIKISHI DON'T CARE WHO YOU INVOLVE AS LONG AS YOU CAN FIGHT YOUKI.
I DETEST THAT KIND OF THINKING.
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I PROTECTED THEM?

EVEN THOUGH,
BUT WHAT IF YOU DIVIDE YOUR FOCUS LIKE THAT,
YOUR POWER IS INEXPERIENCED,
YOU INTEND TO PROTECT EVERYTHING YOU SEE?
AND MORE PEOPLE GET HURT AS A RESULT?
THAT'S-
I GET IT!
I'M NOT DIVIDING MY FOCUS.
Since I've been running away all this time, even if I say something now it's just all talk.
EVEN...
EVEN SO,

DID YOU SHOW UP HERE,
BECAUSE YOU WANT THE JINKISHI'S SEAT AS WELL?
I'M NOT AIMING FOR THE JINKISHI'S SEAT AT AL.
MOVES
MY FAMILY, THE NAKIRI LINE,
IS A BRANCH FAMILY OF THE SHIHOUDOU'S.
WE HAVE A DESTINY WITH THE SHIHOUDOU HOUSE THAT CAN'T BE SEVERED EVEN IF YOU TRIED.
-DESTINY?

FLASH
THIS ABILITY WILL BECOME YOUR POWER.
MY ABILITY,
IS "WATER", THE JINRA I INHERITED BY THE NAKIRI FAMILY.
I CAME HERE,
WAIT!
TO HELP YOU.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK THAT THIS GUY CAN BECOME THE JINKISHI?
YOU JUST SAW THE STATE OF THINGS.
EVEN THOUGH HE SUMMONED HIS SHINJUU HIS JUTSU WAS STILL UNSKILLED.
HE LOST THE CHANCE TO KILL THE YOUKI AND LET IT ESCAPE.
HE CAN'T BECOME THE JINKISHI.
AND THEN HE COLLAPSED AFTER TAKING THE RECOIL.
YOU CAME HERE FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF GAINING THE JINKISHI'S SEAT, RIGHT?

I REMEMBER YOU HAD A FIRE SHINJUU.
IF IT'S THE ARARAGI FAMILY, YOU CAN MATCH UP TO THE SHIHOUDOUS.
NOW THAT THE JINKISHI IS GONE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO SNATCH AWAY THE RIGHT TO BE JIN-KISHI.
EVEN SO YOU DON'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO BECOME JINKISHI.
YOU'RE ARARAGI FROM THE EAST.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
WE CAN'T LEAVE THE JINKISHI'S SEAT OPEN INDEFINI-TELY.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE HEAD OF THE SHIHOUDOU FAMILY CAN'T FULFIL HIS RESPONSIBIL-TIES,
OH?
SO I SAID I'D DO IT INSTEAD.
,SO THEN YOU'VE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO BE THE NEXT JINKISHI CANDIDATE?

If I give my assent here then the priviledge of being the next Jinkishi will turn over to him.
That's right-
WELL?
He only cares about defeating the Youki. He'll become a Jinkishi that doesn't care about innocent casualties.
If this guy became Jinkishi

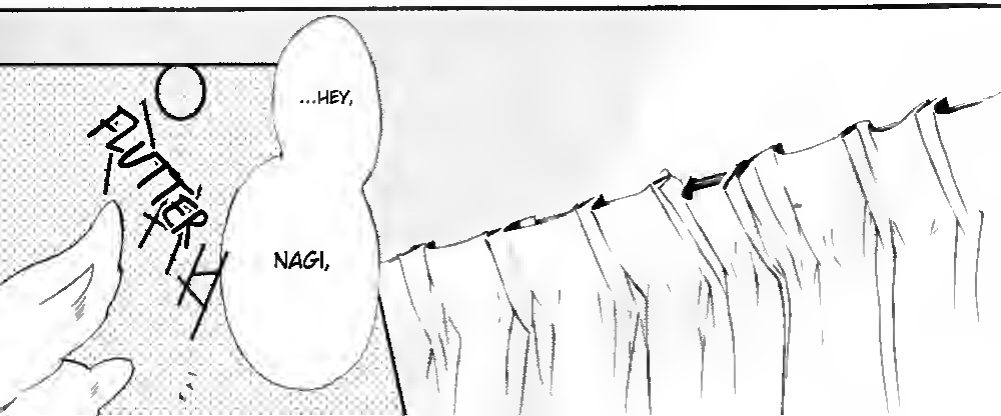
I would approve that.
There's no way.
ARARAGI...
DIDN'T YOU ALREADY RUN AWAY FROM BEING JINKISHI?
AND YOU CAN'T EVEN USE JUTSU PROPERLY.
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO BECOME JINKISHI.
WHAT CAN YOU DO? FACE THE TRUTH.
WITH YOUR INEXPERIENCE, PEOPLE WILL DIE.
I know that, but I've already-

...ARARAGI,
I don't want to see people get injured.
I'LL TRY BEING JINKISHI MY OWN WAY.
I'LL USE MY POWER,
I already-
TO PROTECT EVERYTHING

I'll become the Jinkishi.
A Jinkishi that protects people.
Flap
Flap
Flap
Flap
Flap
Flap
Flap
...
Decided.

Screeching at 100db
!!
Flutter
eak
IT'S NOT 'YOU', IT'S NAGI!!
Why do you like jumping on me so much!?
Grab
I GET IT, SHUT UP-
Cheep
ARE YOU REALLY A SHINJUU THAT'S PROTECTED GENERATIONS OF SHIHOUDOUS?
HEY YOU,
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Sit
I THOGUHT I'D FINALLY BEEN SUMMONED BUT MY MASTER IS JUST A PIECE OF TRASH.
Your only good point is that your head is easy to sit on.
Well sorry for being piece of trash
I still can't seal Youki or protect anyone-
GLARE
I'm not scared of you
I summoned Nagi.
But doing that doesn't accomplish much.

Ah-
Flutter
Got away
Come to think of it, the reason why I felt home and fought to live by myself,
was to stop thinking about my father and Taikishis and that stuff.
I didn't think my dad would be gone so soon-
But Araragi has a point, I don't have any idea what I'm supposed to do.
DAZE
wriggle


...HEY,
NAGI,
FLUTTER

Thud
THE FACT THAT I CAN SUMMON YOU MEANS THAT I STILL HAVE THE POWER TO BECOME JINKISHI RIGHT?
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
NO MATTER HOW YOU FIGHT AGAINST IT, YOU ARE A SHIHOUDOU RY BLOOD.
YOU HAVE THE POWER.
...
BUT SINCE YOU SABOTAGED YOUR OWN CHANCES TO LEARN, FOR YOU TO BECOME JINKI-SHI NOW WOULD REQUIRE MORE THAN JUST EFFORT.
BUT THERE IS ONE,
ONE HIJUTSU YOU HAVE.
ON TOP OF THAT THE ARARAGI RRAT WON'T LET THIS GO.
Hijutsu?!
IT WAS ACUTALLY... SOMETHING YOUR FATHER LEFT WITH ME.

One wrong step might result in death.
I wonder if you're prepared for that.
*STEP

WE'RE HAVING MORE TROUBLE THAN WE ANTICIPATED, DAI.
IT'S FURSTRATING.
BUT IT'S NOT INTERESTING IF THEY JUST DIE IMMEDIATELY.
ANOTHER ONE HAS SHOWN UP.
...
DID YOU SEE IT?
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T OVERLOOK SOMETHING SO INTERESTING.
IT AMUSES ME TO SEE THE POWERLESS TAIKISHI AND HUMANS FLUTTERING ABOUT.

I'M WAITING.
NEXT, WHY DON'T YOU SHOW ME SOMETHING EVEN MORE INTERESTING.
*WHOOSH
SINCE WHEN DID HUMANS START STRUTTING AROUND ON OUR LAND,
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY AWARE-NESS,
THAT THIS WORLD,
DOESN'T JUST BELONG TO THEM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A RATHER HOT BLOODED GUEST HAS BEEN HEADING THIS WAY FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
SHALL I GO KEEP HIM COMPANY?

Who is it this time~?
dunno~
Deja vu!!
...
Chatter
Chatter
Next door!?
I'M IN THE CLASS NEXT DOOR.
T-THUNK
IS HE SERIOUS?
smile
smile
HEY YOU,
WALKING AROUND IN THAT UNIFORM... ARE YOU TRANSFERRING HERE TOO?
HUH? YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

DON'T COME!
Let's eat lunch together
Lean
AND YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.
push
AFTER MY OLD MAN DIED STRANGE GUYS HAVE BEEN POPPING UP EVERY-WERE.
JEEZ,
WELL, I'LL COME DURING LUNCH SO WAIT FOR ME.
IF I COULD, I WOULD HAVE ENJOYED A FUN-FILLED HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WITH YOU, TOO BAD.
And even if this guy says he's my ally, I don't have the confidence to trust him.
HEY YOU,

WHAT'S THAT?
AAH,
ISN'T HE CUTE? HE'S THE NAKIRI'S SHINJUU, "MIZUNOTO".
GU-
'sup
WELL WHAT SUCKS IS THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN'T SE EHIM.
WELL GENERALLY-
Gya-
Shut up!
GO BACK!
Gya-
HE'S GRABBING A HOLY SHIN-JUU...
FORGET IT, FROM NOW ON THE REAL BATTLE BEGINS.
AH!?
...!
What the hell?
POP...
I'm here.
ARGUE
ARGUE
ARGU
WHY ARE YOU THERE?
WHY DOES A HIGH CLASS SHINJUU LIKE ME HAVE TO DISAPPEAR?
JUST DISAPPEAR PROPERLY!

GENERALLY,
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
WEIRDO.
At least,
He doesn't seem like an agressive guy like Araragi.
Rustle
...
Where is he today?
Now that you mention it,

*JANGLE
TCH,
WHERE IS HE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON BEING JINKISHI?
WHAT A JOKE,
I HAVEN'T ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING JUST BY FOLLOWING HIM AROUND.
I'M SIMPLY CHANGING MY METHODS.

I'M JUST WONDERING JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN STUDYING ALL THIS TIME FOR.
THE NAGIRI TAIKISHI ISN'T THE PROBLEM.
KUKUKU
ARE YOU IN A HURRY TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER TAIKISHI?
I didn't come all this way to let that guy be Jinkishi.
I sacrificed everything.
Definitely not.
With the Araragi name, I'll become Jinkishi.
SWOO

YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
YOU SEEM QUITE EAGER.
kukuku
AS YOU WISH. HE HAS APPEARED.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME.
I'LL BRING YOU DOWN RIGHT NOW.

YOU'RE QUITE COCKY.
LET'S TEST HOW TRUE YOUR CLAIM IS-
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